



Daniel Marsano

May 30, 1951 - February 14, 2021

We are planning a virtual memorial service with pictures and short video memories. For information or to contribute a memory please email intrepid.sleuth@gmail.com.

Daniel Thomas Marsano (he would often say that the "T." in his name stood for "Terrific"), 69, of Shelby Township passed away on February 14, 2021. He was born May 30, 1951 in Detroit, son of the late Leonard Robert and Lillian Ruthell (Rhodes) Marsano. Beloved husband of Linda. Loving father of Joseph (Denise) Marsano and Lisa (Billy) Finateri. Proud grandfather of Derek, Zoey and Lily. Predeceased by brother Leonard, brother-in-law Bill and brother-in-law Scott. Survived by mother-in-law Jeanne, sister-in-law Laura and sister Sherrie.

Daniel graduated from Berkley High School and then went on to study philosophy at Eastern Michigan University and Oakland University. He then began his career as a police officer, and later became a detective, for the Sterling Heights Police Department. It was there that he met his beautiful bride, Linda ("wifey"). He knew from the moment he saw her that he loved her and wanted to marry her - and he eventually did. After seven years, he took a position at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, Organized Crime Strike Force and was there for two years. He then completed his career as Vice President, Special Investigations for Prudential, where he worked for 37

years.

In his spare time, he was also an Instructor and Trainer for the Michigan State Police and the Oakland Police Academy. He often consulted on unsolved homicide investigations and worked as a consultant to John Reid and Associates on the development of a course on Telephone Interviewing Techniques. In addition, he was an accomplished author. He wrote numerous published papers and articles on Interviewing and Linguistic Analysis Techniques as well as several books - the technical book "In Search of Truth" and children's books "Sir Day the Knight" and "Sun Day, the Not-Quite-Knight." He dedicated each of his books to his children.

Finally, he was able to enjoy five great years of retired life - and he was really good at that! He worked out at the gym every other day for his entire life - even when he wasn't feeling well. He always said, "Nothing can hurt steel." He spent his days doing a Puzzle Page every morning with Linda, playing pinochle with Linda, Jeanne and Laura, going to breakfast with his friends, playing Words with Friends and chess with friends and family, watching football, visiting Joe, Denise and Lily in Chicago, and spending several days per week at Lisa and Billy's house playing with Derek and Zoey.

Daniel deeply valued his relationships with others. He was a beloved friend and mentor to many. But above all else, he was the world's most wonderful husband, dad and grandpa. He loved his family with every fiber of his being, and he lived to "make little hearts glad." He loved nothing more than to swing and read books to Lily, play with babies and lambchop with Zoey and have Nerf wars and do school with Derek. His family was his happy place, and he was ours. We will forever miss our Eternal Sleuth in the Search of Truth.

In remembrance of Daniel's life, the family asks that any charitable donations be made in his memory to the Fraternal Order of Police Foundation.

Tribute Wall

PH

“ Daniel was the best there ever was at statement analysis. I am a semi-retired cop now (36 years). I use what I learned from him every day and did so for a couple decades. I learned more from Daniel than all the other classes on statement analysis I'd ever taken combined. You have my deepest condolences and I pray you will find some comfort in the fact that Daniel was a true mentor to many people.

Patrick (Pat) Hedlund - February 19, 2022 at 06:58 AM

RT

“ I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Daniel. I knew Daniel in the late 1990's when we connected over our shared love of investigating death claims. At the time I was the Manager of Life Claims for Lincoln Benefit Life and we met at a national claims conference.

I still have a copy of his "In Search of Truth... An Analytical Approach to the Interview Process" on my bookshelf.

One last memory..... in 1998 Michigan and Nebraska shared the College National Football #1 ranking. Being from Nebraska I could not help but make fun of him by sending him a poster making fun of his beloved Wolverines.

May God Bless You Daniel, you are a class act!

*Robert Tisdale
Lincoln NE*

Robert tisdale - November 03, 2021 at 01:40 PM

SM

“ My husband, Jim Meola, worked as the Manager of Life Claim, Prudential. He throughly enjoyed getting to know Daniel and yanking his chain whenever he could. Once Jim wrote a fake performance appraisdal on Daniel. Daniel didn't know Jim very well then and couldn't believe what he was reading. He wondered if Jim was "for real." It wasn't long before Jim gave him the real performance appraisal which was both factual and properly worded.

*Jim and I visited Daniel and Linda at their home in Michigan and we lucky enough to be there for Lisa's wedding. I am so glad Daniel got to know his grandkids and deeply wish he would have had more time with both them and his family. Daniel was a special person. I remember thinking I would never want to have him give me a lie detector test as he had the gift of knowing when people were be truthful. Linda and family, my deepest sympathy for your loss.
Sincerely, Sherry Meola*

p.s. Jim passed shortly before Daniel and I hope they got to met with one another in the next world.

Sherry Meola - March 02, 2021 at 04:46 PM

BW

“ I’ve known Danny for many years....being Berkley Boys.Lately we would meet for breakfast and discuss many topics during our morning feast...Our country today...our Detroit sports teams...our old girlfriends(delete that last one)...politics(now there’s a fun topic) And then we would get into solving our WORLDS problems....?(like WE had all the solutions)then laugh at our ridiculous comments on how we would make the world a better place...now we have lost one of the people that made our world a better place. Always enjoying every moment we spent together and looking forward to our next meeting.I can say this about Danny, his favorite thing to talk about was his family. He was so very proud of his beautiful family and would often express, what a lucky guy he was, beaming like a new LED light...and I was lucky and proud to call Danny my friend....Gonna miss ya Danny Boy...God Bless. Billy Weis

Billy Weis - February 25, 2021 at 11:09 AM

CA

“ Daniel was a mentor, colleague and friend. We met so long ago at a MI Chapter of IASIU Meeting. We hit it off immediately. He was always my golf partner at the MI Chapter of IASIU outings. We spent the entire day chatting. It wasn't about the golf. It was about connecting. He would brag about his wonderful family. He was so proud of his children, Joseph and Lisa. He spoke so proudly and lovingly of Linda.

He saw the best in everyone. He brought out the best of everyone he met. Daniel helped me shine. He gave me confidence.

Daniel was kind. He gave me copies of his children's books for my nieces. The inscriptions he wrote were thoughtful and sweet.

We would occasionally meet for breakfast or lunch. When I traveled to MN, we had dinner at the Twin Cities Grill. He loved their French Dip.

Daniel was generous with his talents and his time. I will forever be grateful for having him in my life. I am privileged to have called him my friend. I am a better person for having had him in my life.

He will forever be in my memories. I think of him and smile.

Linda, Joe, Lisa and the entire family, please accept my condolences and prayers. Your loss is unimaginable. May the wonderful memories help you through such a difficult time.

Catia - February 24, 2021 at 10:09 AM

PC

“ *My condolences and prayers to the extended Marsano family. We lost a great one in Daniel. I worked with Daniel for the better part of two decades at Prudential and he was so good at his job - catching the bad guys or keeping us from doing business with them in the first place. He also became a good friend and we enjoyed time on the road together at work events or spending time together away from work by breaking bread when he came to Minnesota.*

After every productive meeting, Daniel would show how much he valued you as a person by asking how your were doing. We had so many great personal conversations about family and what really mattered in life.

I admired his strength, his integrity and his sense of humor. My kids loved his two storybooks and thought it was cool I was friends with the author. That was until I used his "In Search of Truth" tactics to pry the truth out of them when they were teenagers.

God Bless Daniel and we rest in God's promise we will see him again some day.

Phil Chuba

Philip Chuba - February 23, 2021 at 05:36 PM

JM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Joseph Miller - February 23, 2021 at 12:34 PM

JM

“ Dearest Linda, Joe and Lisa,

Dorothy and I are so saddened to hear about Dan's passing. The moment I heard -- a numbness overcame me, and then a flood of emotions and memories...

My memories starting in 1970 -- meeting Dan when I was ten years old and he was the ripe old age of 20 as a policeman in Sterling Heights, he was a groomsman in our wedding, and this past July 2020 we sat in folding chairs, social distancing at Grant Park in Utica MI... (to this day I am reminded of how he gave to others) Dan was also one of the most confident men I knew - I do not recall him backing away from anything. His honesty, integrity, wit and character were the reasons we all came to love him. As I read other tributes there was one common thread and that was - Dan was always teaching. He taught me to Respect others, he taught me to fight for what's right, taught me how to succeed, He taught me to live.

I am grateful to have had Daniel T. Marsano in my life, especially in my formative years.

Thank you, Dan

Your little brother,

Joseph Miller

Joseph Miller - February 23, 2021 at 12:32 PM

CB

“ Dan had the most integrity and grit!... Loved the way he would describe himself as the man of steel while smiling..... He was a very special person and was so loved by everyone who knew him. We were lucky to have him in our lives. I loved his stories and his humor! Will so miss him... just thinking about never seeing him again makes me cry. But he is at peace and not in pain anymore....and for sure I know he is in Heaven....

Chris Burns - February 22, 2021 at 08:48 AM

CH

“ I am so deeply sadness by your loss. I worked with Daniel for over 20 years and he was like a father figure to me. He taught me so much in our industry. What was right from wrong and who to stay away from and who to keep close. Whenever I needed advice he was ALWAYS there to answer my call or meet me for breakfast. He was honest weather I wanted to hear the answer or not. He was so classy always dressed to the tee with his Tag watch then a Rolex that he was so proud of. We both drove Lincoln car for a while so we would compare our cars and he would make fun of me “how much money did that purse cost tell me the truth?” We would laugh about his workout routines with Ron and his pool shark days he loved. He always talked about his children and would tell me their latest accomplishments, what they were achieving and how proud he was. He was a TRUE legend in our industry and will be missed. Rest in Peace my dear friend and mentor.

Carrie Hill

Carrie Hill - February 21, 2021 at 03:13 PM

PR

“ Linda, Joe and Lisa,

I was so sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. We were colleagues at Prudential that grew into a dear friendship that spanned over 20 years. I will deeply miss his fierce loyalty, passionate integrity and quick mind and wit. Those of us that knew him as friend share your loss. May you find comfort in a life well lived and loved. And may Daniel rest in peace. Paula Romano

paula romano - February 20, 2021 at 04:48 PM

MB

“ Dear Linda, Joe, and Lisa, I am so very sorry to hear of Daniel's passing. He was a dear friend of mine for many years at Prudential. I will always remember and greatly miss his sense of humor, interesting stories and sound advice. He spoke so highly of all of you and in recent years his beautiful grandchildren that I feel like I know you even though we never met. While I can only imagine how difficult a time this is for you, I hope you find comfort in knowing that Daniel will be greatly missed and remain forever in the hearts of those he knew and whose lives he touched. May God bless you and keep you, Daniel, and may you Rest In Peace, My Dear Friend.

Michele Fochesato Braen - February 20, 2021 at 12:33 PM

DB

“ Daniel was one of a kind. I have never known anyone who brimmed with confidence in everything he did as much as Daniel. In my many travels with him over the years, he always talked of "family", not only Linda, Joe, Lisa and the grandkids, but of his "work" family and those he had met over the years. Thanks for the good times Chief, you'll be sorely missed in this world.

Dan Brown

Dan Brown - February 20, 2021 at 10:11 AM

KV

“ Dear Linda, Joe and Lisa,

I am so sorry for your tremendous loss but heaven have received a great loving husband, father, father-in-law as well as grandfather. What wonderful family times you all shared together. Linda you always spoke of your family and Dan with such love and I know that he did that as well. Dan has left an awesome legacy he has in all of you.

Kellie Ventimiglia - February 20, 2021 at 08:52 AM

RL

“ To the Marsano Family,
Daniel was such a wonderful man, great husband, father,
grandfather, friend and all around just classy guy. I loved him like I
love my own brother and I miss him so much it hurts. I am so happy
he came up to me many years ago as a young child and told me,
"we need to be friends." The rest is history. He carried for and was
so concerned about my health which tells you so much about how
much of a caring person he was.
I extend my deepest and heart felt condolences to his wife Linda,
his daughter Lisa, his son Joe and the entire family. May you
cherish all the wonderful memories and know that he loved you all
so much. God Bless Daniel and may he Rest In Peace. Love you
my brother,
Rob Linzey



Rob Linzey - February 19, 2021 at 02:25 PM

TK

“ Dan,

We were friends going back to grade school. Needless to say, we had a lot of experiences together. It is amazing that during our friendship of over 60 plus years we never had a major argument with each other. Whenever we would get together, either in person or over the phone we would have a great time talking to each other. It was as if no time had past, as we would talk about the good times we had together through the years, and how lucky we were to have the wonderful families we had. I will truly miss you buddy !!

*Tim Kemp
Your longtime friend*

Tim Kemp - February 19, 2021 at 01:52 PM

PK

“ I knew Daniel for forty-plus years; he was my boss for about twenty. His wanted his staff to be the best we could be, and his mantra became, “Do the right thing for the right reasons.” He recognized and utilized the strengths and talents of each individual who worked for him. He always had a plan, and continually looked for ways to provide better service while keeping costs reasonable. It wasn’t always smooth sailing, but Daniel never backed down from a challenge. In fact, he usually embraced them. He researched and strategized, and then armed himself with facts, reports, his knack for anticipating the negative, and his expertise at persuading others to give him a chance to put his plan into action, even if only on a trial basis. If Daniel considered you his friend, you were his friend for life. He did not take his friendships lightly and reserved them for people who were loyal, honest, and earned his trust. Ours was a long distance friendship, and I often told him he was a better friend than I was, as he was much better at checking in with a phone call than I was. As dedicated as Daniel was to his job and friends, he was laser-focused in his love and devotion to his family. He was excited to share their accomplishments, their hopes, their dreams, and on occasion, their struggles. He loved Linda, Joe, Lisa, and his grandchildren with his whole being and anyone who knew him could hear the love in his voice, and see the devotion in his eyes when he spoke of them. I miss him terribly.

Pat Kerber - February 19, 2021 at 12:22 PM

JD

“ *Dan and Linda,
I am sorry for your loss. Dan and I go way back when you both were police cadets at SHPD. He than became a police officer and later a detective. That's when he and I worked a murder case together. He went on to become an expert in written statements, interviews and interrogations,
A fine man and friend.*

Joe Dreslinski

Joe Dreslinski - February 19, 2021 at 10:43 AM

RM

“ *So many memories. So many moments shared together. Daniel was like my brother and I will dearly miss him. My heart is aching not only for myself but for his soul mate Linda and his beloved children and grandchildren. He is gone from this physical world but will be with us spiritually forever. Love you Linda, Joe and Lisa.*

Richard Marquez - February 18, 2021 at 04:54 PM

JV

“ *Dear Linda, Joe and Lisa,
I am holding you in my heart as your hearts are grieving. Dan was a very special person. His giving of himself and his kindness will be remembered by those whose lives he touched. His presence made the world a better place.*

Joyce Voelker - February 18, 2021 at 03:51 PM

DW

Linda, Paul and I are so sorry for your loss. He would always tell us we were great neighbors! Thank God you guys always had your windows closed or maybe he wouldn't think that lol! We enjoyed the backyard chats and exchanging waves across the way. Know that we are here for you should you need anything.

Diane Wilde - February 19, 2021 at 03:37 PM



“ *Marsano Family - I am so very sorry for your tremendous loss. Daniel was truly one-of-a-kind and a terrific person. He loved his family above all else - but you already know that. I am honored to have known him as I did. I will wholeheartedly miss his advice and support - but I know that one never truly loses a great mentor; their lessons live on. Daniel will never be forgotten and will live on in the hearts and heads of many. Sending you lots of strength. Miss you, Daniel!*

Melissa Halvorson - February 18, 2021 at 07:34 AM

DH

“ *To the Marsano Family,*

Daniel was not just a contemporary of mine in the insurance industry and a fellow law enforcement officer, he was a teacher, a mentor and most of all, a dear friend. He was also a proud husband, great father and grandfather. I knew Daniel three decades and considered it an honor and a blessing to have been his friend. We have lost someone very special. To the family, I am praying with for your loss. May our loving God give you the peace that passes all understanding. Farewell, my dear friend Daniel. I salute you!

Daniel Hepner

Daniel A Hepner - February 17, 2021 at 10:15 PM

CF

“ Dear Linda, Joe, and Lisa, I am so terribly sorry for your loss. I have fond memories of Dan. He was a tremendous help with my second grade class when Lisa was my student. He would often stop in and just discuss educational goals. Linda was my classroom angel. Dan was a loving, caring dad. His two books were my grandchildren’s favorite stories to listen to and read. He will never be forgotten. May Our Dear Lord surround the family with the Light of His Love. My husband and I were blessed to have known and experienced such a terrific man. Love, Carolyn and Jack Fredal

Carolyn Fredal - February 17, 2021 at 06:01 PM

JJ

“ Being lucky enough to be part of the Finateri and Marsano family allowed me to share holidays, special occasions and major events with Dan. Dan was a great story teller. I would always come away with learning something new after talking with Dan. He loved good coffee and turned me on to Peet’s which became my favorite. Dan was a tough cookie but around his grandchildren he was a marshmallow. He will be missed but there are lots of great memories to keep him with us. xoxo



Judy Berger (Auntie Judy) - February 17, 2021 at 01:28 PM

KG

“ I have so many great memories of time spent with Daniel. Many things come to mind with I think of Daniel such as character and integrity. One thing, however, that always came through was how much he loved and how proud he was of his family. I am going to miss him, but he leaves a wonderful legacy.

Kevin Glasgow - February 17, 2021 at 01:18 PM

SH

“ Daniel, you will certainly be missed by the many who have crossed your path. This is because you have been such a great friend, mentor, family member, and human being to all who knew you. Although distance drew us apart, our relationship with God will reunite us. That is, if you don't try to analyze every word St Peter is saying to you at the gates of heaven! God's speed dear friend!

Steve Harshberger - February 17, 2021 at 11:12 AM

CM

“ I met Dan when I managed my youngest son's softball team in Sterling Heights. I picked up his son, Joe, and he immediately told me he was available to help me coach. I was so happy to have him volunteer and we developed a close friendship. My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family.



Chuck Marchetti - February 17, 2021 at 10:55 AM

CT

“ You will be truly missed by family and friends. In school, you always busy helping others and being just a good guy. May you Rest In Peace until we meet again. 🙏🙏🙏

Carol Tremonti - February 17, 2021 at 10:44 AM

Jl

“ I will miss you my old friend! I am so glad I had a chance to talk to Daniel in October. We had some great times hanging out at IASIU conventions. He had the gift of listening and always gave good advise. When Daniel talked we listened. I know he loved his family very much and was proud of all of them. Will keep him in my prayers.

Jim - February 17, 2021 at 09:11 AM

BV

“ A great friend and mentor. RIP Daniel, and thank you for everything you did for me.

Brian Valentine - February 17, 2021 at 08:54 AM

BS

“ I admired this guy from the first time I met him. I chose him to be our daughter's godfather. He stepped into that role as if he had done it forever. I was there when he married the love of his life, then came Joey (my godson), then Lisa (my daughter's goddaughter). We were family for years. He was my male best friend. He got me through so much just talking. He was definitely my favorite. If he couldn't do it perfectly he didn't do it. That's proven by his children & his grandchildren. What a void this man leaves. I will forever cherish our friendship. I loved you & cherish your family.
Brenda

Brenda Stanley - February 17, 2021 at 08:38 AM